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In re application: **Blandy et al.**

Serial No.: **09/671,770**

Filed: **September 28, 2000**

For: **Apparatus and Method for
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Multithreaded Environment**

§ Group Art Unit: **2127**
§ Examiner: **Ali, Syed J.**
§ Attorney Docket No.: **AUS9-2000-0570-US1**
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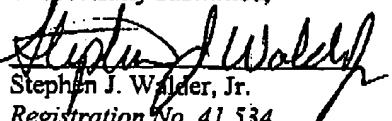
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